

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the title to read:

Concentration Device Using Magnetic Particles

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 24 with the following amended paragraph:

Each liquid passage 11, 12 is communicated with a storage section 15 via a connecting section 14. The connecting section 14 is fitted to the bottom part of a cylindrical housing 15a forming the storage section 15 and secured to the housing 15a by screwing or the like. The connecting section 14 has two through holes formed in the vertical direction, and a check valve ~~14a~~ 14b for enabling passage of liquid only in the suction direction and a check valve ~~14b~~ 14c for enabling passage of liquid only in the discharge direction are provided in the through holes. A groove for an O-ring is formed around the circumference of the connecting section 14 coming in contact with the housing 15a, and an O-ring 14a inserted therein. The lower end of the connecting section 14 is provided with nozzles 14d, 14e into which the liquid suction passage 11 and the liquid discharge passage 12 can be inserted.